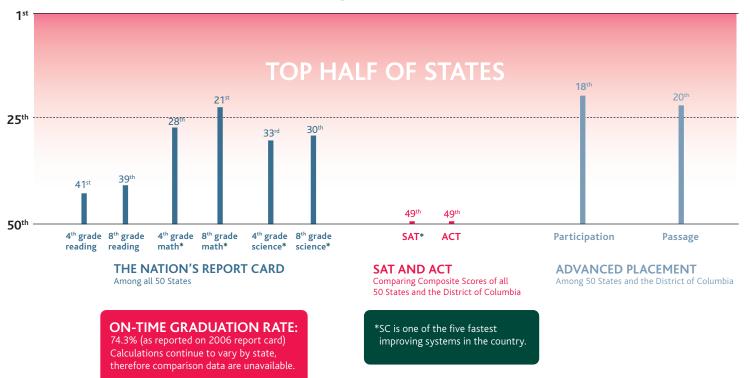
SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



By the year 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

NATIONAL RANK



ACHIEVEMENT GAP

The gap that exists among students of different demographic and socioeconomic groups

PACT

(Gap in percentage points of students scoring proficient or advanced)

White/African-American Gap	24.4	28.9	28.3	25.9	24.3	28.1	21.6	24.4
White/Hispanic Gap	2.1	22.3	12.1	21.5	19.2	21.7	16.2	17.5
Pay/Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Gap	24.8	28.3	29.6	28.1	24.6	27.7	24.0	26.7
	Math 2000	Math 2006	inglish Language Arts 2000	inglish Language Arts 2006	Science 2003	Science 2006	ial Studies 2003	ial Studies 2006

AP PARTICIPATION

(Gap in percentage points of test takers)



AP PERFORMANCE

(Gap in percentage points of students passing)

White/African-American Gap	36.0	32.0
White/Hispanic Gap	5.0	0
	1997	2006

SAT AND ACT

(Gap in average composite score)

White/African-American Gap	195	185	4.2	5.0
White/Hispanic Gap	52	68	1.7	1.7
	*SAT 2002	*SAT 2006	*ACT 2002	*ACT 2006

Gap Eliminated

Progress Made

possible 1600 points

^{**} possible 36 points